

Wednesday, Jan. 29. Thursday, Jan. 30.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Aloha, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. frozen herring, 100 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Emma and Helen, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. cod, 6000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Agnes E. Downes, Quero Bank, 28,000 lbs. cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Viking, shore.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt., medium do., \$3.25; large trawl Georges, \$3.75, medium do., \$3.00; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.00; large trawl bank cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$2.75; large dory handline cod, \$3.50, medium do., \$3.

Outside sales dory handline bank cod \$3.5-8 per cwt. for large and \$3.1-8 per cwt for medium.

Splitting prices of fresh fish, large cod, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.60.

Outside sales of Bank cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3.05 for mediums.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3 per bbl.

Bank halibut, 13 cents per lb. for white and 9 cents for gray.

Boston

Jan. 29—Ar., sch., Volant, 27,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 12,000 cusk, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Vera, 30,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Ralph Russell, 20,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Klondike, 2000 cod.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, 24,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 3000 halibut, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Edith E. nery, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Virginia, 55,000 fresh fish.

Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50.

Herring Notes.

Schs. Senator Gardner and Lottie G. Merchant, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., put into Halifax Tuesday.

Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper has gone to New York with her cargo of frozen herring.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

1) The Irish catch of mackerel for the month of December was 3368 barrels.

Provincetown.

Jan. 27—A fleet of 14 fishing vessels are in port and a strong southerly wind blowing. No weirs are drawn and no boats are out.

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Sch. Nelson Y. McFarland, Georges, 30,000 lbs. cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Indiana, Georges, 5000 lbs. fresh cod, 40,000 lbs. haddock.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt., medium do., \$3.25; large trawl Georges, \$3.75, medium do., \$3.00; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.00; large trawl bank cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$2.75; large dory handline cod, \$3.50, medium do., \$3.

Splitting prices of fresh fish, large cod, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.60.

Bank halibut, 13 cents per lb. for white and 9 cents for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.25 per cwt.

Boston

Jan. 31—Ar., sch. Grace Choate, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Thomas W. Knight, 5000 haddock, 700 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Richard Lester, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Nellie Dixon 5000 haddock 3000 cod, 8000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Two Forty, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Nellie Bly, 15,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 20,000 fresh fish.

Haddock, \$1.60 to \$2; large cod, \$4.50; market cod, \$3; hake, \$3; pollock, \$2.50.

Herring Notes.

Schs. Senator Gardner and Lottie G. Merchant, bound home, cleared from Halifax on Tuesday.

LOBSTER DECREASE.

Report of Fish and Game Commission Talks Plainly.

Suggestions of Several Methods to Increase Supply.

The regimental inspection of Co. G, 8th Regiment, M. V. M., was held at the armory last evening, the inspecting officers being Lieut. Col. Bailey of Amesbury and Assistant Surgeon F. P. T. Logan of this city.

The inspection included falling in with overcoats, fatigue hats and uniforms, aversacks, canteens and blanket rolls. The accoutrements were carefully examined, followed by close order drill under Capt. Horton and guard duty under Lieut. Kinrade.

The examination of the non-commissioned officers was then held.

Col. Bailey highly praised the company for its excellent appearance. He said that he had found everything in good condition, and the fine fit of uniforms was very noticeable. He expressed himself as much pleased with the recent improvements made at the armory, and said that the inspection as a whole was equal to that of Co. A. of Newburyport, made on Monday evening.

The commissioners of inland fisheries and game, Messrs. J. W. Collins, E. A. Brackett and J. W. Deane, have made their annual report to the Legislature. The report is a volume of nearly 200 pages, and, as usual, contains a large amount of information which is of interest to sportsmen and fishermen. Incidentally the passing of the Belgian hare craze is not. The condition of the lobster industry continues to be a source of anxiety, and every one who is found of this succulent crustacean will read with regret that the danger of its becoming extinct is not decreasing. Upon this topic the report says:

"From year to year for a long period, the reports of the commission have invited attention to the lobster, and it has been pointed out how the lobster was decreasing in the waters of this commonwealth. The necessity for more stringent and effective legislation to arrest this decadence has repeatedly been urged upon the general court. It is true that something has been done to secure protection, but it is too evident that much yet remains to be accomplished, unless citizens of this state are content to see the lobster become commercially extinct along our coasts and that within a measurably brief period—so short a time in fact that we now seem to be almost on the verge of it. It is nothing less than blind folly to ignore this, and if future legislation fails to recognize it or gains greater freedom in fishing, it will not be difficult even for the non-expert to predict the ultimate result.

"No longer is there justification for deluding ourselves with the belief that the artificial propagation of the lobster can arrest its decadence in this state to any great degree, and the chance of doing this grows alarmingly less every year. It is well known that the United States fish commission has made a most zealous and commendable effort to stem the tide. It has spent both money and labor to restock our waters with lobsters, and has in recent years done all in that direction that seemed possible of accomplishment. It has not been stinted in means, and, though it has been working for the benefit of the fisherman, it has paid full market price or more for every obtainable egg-bearing lobster, so that as many as possible could be secured."

Relating to the mackerel fishery the report says: "Again the mackerel has failed to approach the coast in large numbers; it has instead frequented the offshore fishing grounds, as it did last year. Consequently, there has been disappointment with the season's fishing with pound nets, weirs, traps and gill nets.

"Cape Cod bay is the region most seriously affected by the failure of the mackerel to strike inshore, for the pound-nets or weir fisheries are most important there, and the mackerel being relied upon more than any other species for success, its abundance or absence are matters of prime consequence to the fishermen."

The report of Dr. George W. Field, lecturer on economic zoology in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who has made a special investigation of the decline in the number of lobsters in Massachusetts waters was sent in to the legislature yesterday with the report of the department of fisheries and games.

Dr. Field makes several suggestions for remedial legislation to check the decline as follows:

"1. A close season for a portion of each year, or for for a term of years.

"2. The continuance of the present 10 1-2 inch law, under more effective enforcement.

"3. The substitution of a 9-inch law.

"4. The prohibition of the killing of egg-bearing lobsters.

"5. The prohibition of the killing of any female lobsters.

"6. The removal of all restrictions as to catching.

"And finally, as an entirely new proposition, which I personally venture to advance: